

-TESTIMONY TEMPLATE -
Governor's Proposed FY23 Budget Adjustments
Appropriations Hearing
HB 5037 AAC the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30th, 2023
Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
Thursday, February 24th, 2022

Deborah Poirier

Good afternoon Senator Osten, Representative Walker, Senator Hartley, Representative Dathan, Representative Nolan, Senator Miner, Representative France, and distinguished members of the Appropriations Committee.

My name is Deborah Poirier and I am a registered voter in East Hartford.

I am here to testify in regards to [or strong opposition to; or share my grave concerns; or something similar] the proposed budget for DMHAS.

I have been coming to Common Ground for many years, Common Ground of Intercommunity has helped me with interacting with others. As well as allowing to me to get out of the house. The staff is very helpful when we need help with any issues, and they are always here for me when I need them. It is also a good place to meet others that may need help that are struggling. The staff is always here to give a helping hand and answers any questions I may have. At Common Ground they provide transportation to and from program and I really like that.

In that light I would like to commend Governor Lamont for:

I would like to commend Governor Lamont for providing funding for programs like Common Ground and I would like him to continue to provide funding for Common Ground because I really enjoy the program.

However, there are things that Governor Lamont's proposed budget does not address that are of concern to me:

I would like Governor Lamont to include more funds in the budget for places like Common Ground. Common Ground has really helped in many ways and continues to help me. Please continue to include funds in the budget for programs like Common Ground. It allows me to be active and not in the house all day and interact with others that may have that same struggles.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak and share my (lived) experience with you about what this would mean to me/my loved one/people I care about!